

new standard of character, a never-never land of legalistic gymnastics that carefully avoids the outright lie, but plumbs the depths of deception, deceit, and verbal prestidigitation.

The campaign to deceive began with Medicare, blossomed in Filegate, and continues this very day with the corruption of American elections by foreign money. This new White House standard is a national disgrace.

SANCHEZ-DORNAN ELECTION

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the truth will be told. Madam Speaker, Bob Dornan is fighting for a job, and the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] is fighting for her life and the life of a people who deserve a right to be represented in the U.S. Congress. What a travesty.

First, the Republicans want to counter the real counting of people by opposing sampling so that urban dwelling Hispanics, African-Americans, Asians, new immigrants to this Nation, who become new citizens cannot be counted. Why? Sheer politics.

Why do the Republicans want to continue opposing the seating of the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] when absolutely no fraud has been found? Because I guess they do not believe that all of us are equal in these United States.

Former Representative Bob Dornan has led a widespread abusive and costly search for voter fraud, claiming that the lost election, that he lost by more than a thousand votes, is due to massive illegal voting by Hispanics. There we go again bashing immigrants, now citizens. And yet, after \$300,000 of taxpayer money has been expended, no fraud has been found.

Stop bashing Hispanics, count them. And leave the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] alone to do her job for the 46th District of California.

NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT OF 1997

(Mr. ENSIGN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENSIGN. Madam Speaker, I rise to talk about the nuclear waste bill of this year. Almost 80,000 tons of nuclear waste are going to be transported on our roads throughout America.

What most people do not understand is that the private companies that will be shipping this waste, if they happen to have a driver who is drunk, driving in the middle of the night through, say, St. Louis, Denver, Kansas City, Omaha, Chicago, Atlanta, Salt Lake City, Philadelphia, or Los Angeles, all of those cities this nuclear waste will be transported through, if one of the drivers of these rigs happens to crash

through a house because they were drunk, this nuclear waste bill will protect that company from any kind of lawsuit.

Madam Speaker, this is outrageous. This Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997 needs to go down in flames. It is wrong for America. It protects the wrong people. We need to vote against it.

MS. SANCHEZ WON ELECTION FAIR AND SQUARE

(Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, several weeks ago this House took the extraordinary action of banning Bob Dornan from the floor because of the embarrassing display he put on for the Members of this House and the American people.

What is unfortunate is that even though he has been banned from this floor, neither he nor the Republican party have given up on trying to restore his seat that he lost fairly and squarely to the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ].

The Republican Party has continued to go after the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ], and I fear the reason they are going after her, frankly, is because she is a woman and a minority. They think she is fair game. And even though she won the election fair and square, they are trying to reverse a decision that was made by the people of California.

The people have spoken, Madam Speaker, and what we should do is we should honor that election. There have been allegations of fraud, but there certainly have not been any allegations of fraud sufficient to upset this election. This election should not be put aside. It should stand.

The people of California, in 1998, can decide at that time whether the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] should be allowed to continue in office. But it is wrong for her and it is wrong for the democratic process to take that seat now.

WHITE HOUSE CHAMPIONS THE IRS

(Mr. ROGAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGAN. Madam Speaker, during this last week, the other body has conducted hearings that are extremely significant to all Americans. We finally had a congressional committee turn over the rock at the IRS. What we heard were horror stories coming from citizens, taxpayers, and even from IRS agents who testified anonymously.

It did not surprise me, Madam Speaker, to see on the front page of U.S.A. Today that 69 percent of Americans believe the IRS abuses power often—not just now and then, but often. What did surprise me, Madam Speaker, was to

see on the front page of the Washington Times, in response to a Republican congressional proposal that a citizen oversight board protect Americans from the IRS, that the "White House champions the IRS." The headlines say that "the President opposes citizen oversight."

Republicans in this Chamber, Madam Speaker, have made clear that the status quo with the IRS is unacceptable. I hope that the President will reconsider his apparent refusal to see citizens oversee the IRS, instead of having it the other way around.

CALL HALT TO INVESTIGATION OF MS. SANCHEZ

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to say enough is enough. It is time to call a halt to the investigation of the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ].

Today's resolution on the floor is nothing more than an effort by the majority party to extend and to expand this investigation. The resolution has no authority to force the Justice Department to do anything. In fact, it will only impede the ongoing legal process.

The resolution is simply an attempt by the Republican Party to create enough smoke to steal this election. If they cannot do that, they hope to simply wear the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] down, depleting her time, her energy, and her financial resources in order to weaken her for reelection.

The gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] won this seat fair and square. Bob Dornan's wild accusations of voter fraud have been proven false. This is an outrageous waste of taxpayers' funds. It is time to call an end to this investigation.

LIBERALS CREATED THE SYSTEM WE HAVE

(Mr. ADERHOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I am truly struck by the volume and breadth of passion displayed by our liberal friends on the other side. Their compassion and zeal for campaign finance reform is touching, to say the least. And when they chant over and over "the system is rotten to the core," I am really impressed.

But then I started thinking, something that liberals never want people to do. I started thinking about the system. And you know what, Madam Speaker? Liberals created the system we have. For liberals to come to the floor and bemoan the system is just a little misplaced and more than a little insincere.